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ABSTRACT

Ironstone on Section 201, Hundred Mannanarie, has been drilled and found to be only 10 feet thick; reserves are thus very low on this section. Limestone drilled to a depth of 50 feet on the neighbouring Stone Reserve gave a very poor core recovery, a reflection on its porous, brecciated nature. Neither deposit is a desirable source of road metal, but the limestone may prove to be satisfactory if laboratory tests are made.

INTRODUCTION

In a previous unpublished report (Forbes B.G., 1959 Ironstone and limestone for road metal, Section 201 and Reserve, Hundred Mannanarie, Rept. Bk. No. 59/117) ironstone and ferruginous quartzite bodies on Section 201 and folded limestone on a nearby Stone Reserve, Hd. Mannanarie, were described and indicated as being possibly suitable for road metal.

The deposits have since been drilled vertically by diamond drill; this report presents the drilling results.

DRILLING RESULTS

6631-580? 21/4/60.

(a) Section 201

Depth	Thickness	Description
0" - 2"	2"	Yellow, soft, siliceous ironstone.
2" - 9'9"	9'7"	Dark, hard, siliceous ironstone breccia; red-brown ironstone matrix with very pale grey, irregular quartz fragments, up to 2" in diameter. (Very good recovery).
9'9" - 16'6"	6'9"	Only a few fragments of porous medium-grained quartz breccia obtained.

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16'6 - 35' No [illegible] sandy shale

The drill-site was an ironstone capping at the top of a hill (Station Q of the previous report) and the results thus indicate that the ironstone is superficial only.

(b) Stone Reserve

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The drill site was Station of the previous report.

Depth	Thickness	% Recovery	Description
0" - 3'	3'	100	Altered yellow-brown limestone, mainly fine-grained but in parts recrystallised, with small cavities up to ¼" diameter.
3'6" - 6'	3'	v. low	Only a few fragments of limestone similar to the above were recovered.
6' - 7'	1'	100	Limestone breccia (cemented fragments up to ½") and medium-grained limestone.
7' - 9'9"	2'9"	100	Fine to medium-grained limestone with some black (? manganese) staining on irregular subvertical joints
9'9" - 16'	6'3"	30	Grey and brown limestone breccia (fragments up to 1" diameter) with small cavities a little unbrecciated fine-grained grey limestone.
16' - 19'	3'	0	-
19' - 20'9"	1'9"	v.low	Two small fragments of porous limestone.
20'9" - 23'	2'3"	45	Cream fine-grained limestone.
23' - 27'9"	4'9"	45	Medium-grained limestone breccia in parts, porous in parts with recrystallised calcite up to ¼" diameter; cream fine-grained limestone
27'9" - 33'	5'3"	40	Medium-grained limestone breccia; a little fine-grained limestone.
33' - 38'6"	5'6"	15	As above, with porous limestone
38'6" - 43'9"	5'3"	20	As above, with some recrystallisation.
43'9" - 50'	6'3"	60	Cream, fine-grained, porous to loose limestone.

The overall limestone recovery is only 34%, a reflection of the soft brecciated nature of the rock itself.

CONCLUSIONS

Ironstone reserves on Section 201 are probably very small, in view of the superficial nature of the deposit as indicated by drilling. The limestone from the Stone Reserve is a weak, porous, brecciated rock which will probably need careful testing for strength before any decision is made on its use.

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